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SUBJECT: COLUMN IN TORONTO STAR CALLS SEABED MINING CONTROVERSY "NON-PROBLEM" -- MEDIA REACTION

1. IN A SIGNED "SPECIAL TO THE STAR" COLUMN ON EDITORIAL PAGE OF JULY 30 TORONTO STAR, WELL-KNOWN UN CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM FRYE DESCRIBES CONTROVERSY OVER U.S. LOS PROPOSALS ON SEABED MINING AS "A PHONEY PROBLEM FOR CANADA, U.S. (AS IF THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH REAL ONES)."

2. THOSE "STRIDENT VOICES IN PARLIAMENT" THAT ALLEGE THAT US PROPOSALS WILL WREAK ECONOMIC RUIN ON CANADAIN NICKEL MINING COMMUNITIES HAVE "PUSHED THE PANIC BUTTON WITHOUT FINDING OUT THE FACT." WHICH ARE THAT BY THE END OF THE NEXT DECADE, SEABED MINING "COULD BE ACCOUNTING FOR 10 TO 15 PERCENT OF THE WORLD'S (NICKLE) OUTPUT" AND US PROPOSAL WOULD REDUCE THAT. "SO THIS PARTICULAR CANADIAN-AMERICAN FLAP SHRINKS SUBSTANTIALY UNDER SCRUTINY."

3. COMMENT: THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COLUMN IS NOT SO MUCH ITS PRO-AMERICAN SLANT, BUT THE APPEARANCE OF THAT PRO-AMERICAN SLANT ON A TOUCHY ISSUE IN THE HIGHLY NATIONALISTIC STAR.
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